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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 31 January 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 10, 25 and 26.

Identification of prior art discussed: Prior art of record.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

DARREN W. ARK
PRIMARY EXAMINER



Examiner's signature, if required

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant submitted proposed amended claims 1, 10, and 25 and also new proposed claim 26 for consideration. Examiner noted that in claim 1, line 6, the phrase "fishing rod shaft having a rear portion..." renders the claim vague and indefinite since the location of the "rear portion" is not being recited relative to the previously recited "tip end" and "proximal end" of the rod shaft. Examiner stated that it appears that amendment to claim 1 which further recites the handgrip with a length and an external diameter along at least a portion of the length which is greater than an external diameter of the rod shaft may not necessarily overcome Rumbaugh '275, Hardy '473, and Markley et al. '936 since for instance any structure along the rod shaft such as a line guide which is fastened along the rod shaft and which could have an external diameter larger than the rod shaft meets the proposed limitation. Examiner proposed that the amendment should further recite the handgrip as circumscribing the rod shaft to overcome Rumbaugh, Hardy, and Markley et al. Applicant agreed to consider the suggestion. Examiner also stated that the Rumbaugh and Hardy patents may be overcome by the proposed amendment of the hollow cylinder being releasably secured to the adapter by inducing less than a 360 degree rotation of the cylinder relative to the adapter, but the Markley et al. patent may not be overcome since it has a bayonet type connection which does not require a 360 degree rotation to either engage or disengage the sleeve and cylinder. Examiner also stated that with regard to claims 10 and 25 that since these claims are kit claims that only the limitations found in the body of the claim would be required to be met by a prior art patent which merely has a sleeve-like adapter, reel seat, and hollow cylinder and not the entire fly fishing rod assembly as claimed in claim 1 and new proposed claim 26. Applicant inquired as to whether the Examiner would be amenable to allowing a claim that would be a kit claim that recites all of the structure of the fly fishing rod and the sleeve, reel seat, and hollow cylinder without actually reciting the structural interrelationships between the parts. Examiner stated that such claims would not have the necessary structural interrelationships to establish a working device. Applicant will submit a formal amendment for consideration. See Attached Draft claims.

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A fly fishing rod comprising a fishing rod shaft having a tip end and a proximal end; a handgrip mounted to the fishing rod shaft, proximate to the proximal end of said fishing rod shaft, the handgrip having a length l1 adapted for receiving a fisherman's hand thereon, the handgrip having an external diameter along at least a portion of the length l1 thereof which is greater than an external diameter of the fishing rod shaft. said fishing rod shaft having a rear portion extending past said handgrip;

a sleeve like adapter secured over said rear portion, said adapter being formed with an engaging locking means, the sleeve like adapter having an outer face with a diameter d1 at a first end, proximate to the proximal end of the fishing rod shaft; and

a hollow cylinder having a peripheral wall with an outer face and an inner face opposed to the outer face and defining a cavity, the outer face including a reel seat with fasteners for mounting a reel with a fishing line to the outer face and over the cavity, the cavity having a diameter d2 wider than the diameter d1 allowing said adapter to be slidably inserted into said cavity by first inserting the first end of said adapter, said hollow cylinder having an engageable member engageable with said engaging locking means when sliding the hollow cylinder over the adapter, said hollow cylinder being for releasably securing said hollow cylinder to said adapter by inducing less than a 360 rotation of the hollow cylinder relatively to the adapter and the hollow cylinder being removable from the adapter as a single unit with the reel mounted to the reel seat by disengaging said engageable member from said engaging locking means, thereby allowing said reel and said hollow cylinder to be mounted to and dismounted from said adapter secured over said fishing rod shaft.

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2. (previously amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein said engageable member comprises a stud extending inwardly from the inner face of the peripheral wall into the cavity of said hollow cylinder.

3. (previously amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 2, wherein said engaging locking means of said adapter is in the form of a groove shaped to receive said stud.

4. (currently amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 3, wherein said groove has an L-shape with a longitudinal portion followed by a transversal portion, so that when slidably engaging said hollow cylinder over said sleeve like adapter said stud advances through said longitudinal portion until reaching said transversal portion when said hollow cylinder is rotated to cause said stud to engage said transversal portion thereby locking said hollow cylinder to said adapter, securing the hollow cylinder in a single predetermined position on the fishing rod shaft.

5. (original) The fly fishing rod according to claim 4, wherein said transversal portion is adapted to lock said stud therein by friction means.

6. (currently amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 1, which the hollow cylinder comprises handle means extending outwardly from the outer face for rotating the hollow cylinder for locking or unlocking the hollow cylinder to said adapter and manipulating it when removed from the fishing rod shaft.

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A kit for mounting a reel to a fly fishing rod having a fishing rod shaft and a handgrip mounted to the fishing rod shaft, the handgrip having a length l1 adapted for receiving a fisherman's hand thereon, the handgrip having an external diameter along at least a portion of the length l1 thereof which is greater than an external diameter of the fishing rod shaft, the kit comprising:

a sleeve-like adapter securable over the fishing rod shaft, rearwardly of the handgrip, and having an engaging locking means, the sleeve-like adapter having an outer face with a diameter d1 at a first end; and

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a hollow cylinder having a peripheral wall with an outer face, the peripheral wall defining a cavity, the cavity having a diameter d_2 wider than the diameter d_1 , the sleeve-like adapter being slidably insertable into the cavity of the hollow cylinder by first inserting the first end of the adapter into the cavity, the hollow cylinder having an engageable member engaging the engageable locking means when sliding the hollow cylinder over the adapter, the hollow cylinder being releasably secured to the adapter by inducing less than a 360 rotation of the hollow cylinder relatively to the adapter. the outer face of the hollow cylinder having reel fasteners for removably securing the reel thereto over the cavity.

11. (canceled)

12. (previously amended) A kit according to claim 10, wherein the engageable member comprises a stud extending inwardly into the cavity of the hollow cylinder.

13. (previously presented) A kit according to claim 12, wherein the engaging locking means of said adapter comprises a groove shaped to receive said stud.

14. (currently amended) A kit according to claim 13, wherein said groove is L-shape and has a longitudinal portion followed by a transversal portion, so that when sliding said hollow cylinder over said sleeve like adapter said stud advances through said longitudinal portion until reaching said transversal portion when said hollow cylinder is rotated to cause said stud to engage said transversal portion thereby locking said hollow cylinder to said adapter, securing the hollow cylinder in a single predetermined position on the fishing rod shaft.

15. (previously presented) A kit according to claim 14, wherein said transversal portion is adapted to lock said stud therein by friction means.

16. (currently amended) A kit according to claim 10, which comprises handle means extending outwardly from said hollow cylinder for rotating the hollow cylinder for locking or unlocking the hollow cylinder to said adapter and manipulating it when removed from the fishing rod shaft.

17. (currently amended) A kit according to claim 16, wherein said handle means is wing shaped and laterally positioned relatively to said fishing rod shaft when the hollow cylinder is mounted thereto.

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18. (canceled)

19. (canceled)

20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the reel is removably securable to the outer face of the hollow cylinder, ~~over-superposed to~~ the cavity.

22. (currently amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the adapter entirely covers the rear portion and the proximal end of the fishing rod shaft.

23. (canceled)

24. (canceled)

25. (currently amended) A kit for mounting a reel to a fly fishing rod having a fishing rod shaft and a handgrip mounted to the fishing rod shaft, the handgrip having a length l1 adapted for receiving a fisherman's hand thereon, the handgrip having an external diameter along at least a portion of the length l1 thereof which is greater than an external diameter of the fishing rod shaft, the kit comprising:

a sleeve-like adapter securable over the fishing rod shaft, rearwardly of the handgrip, and having an engaging locking means, the sleeve-like adapter having an outer face with a diameter d1 at a first end; and

a reel seat defining a cavity, the cavity having a diameter d2 wider than the diameter d1, the sleeve-like adapter being slidably insertable into the cavity of the reel seat by first inserting the first end of the adapter into the cavity, the reel seat having an engageable member engaging the engageable locking means when sliding the reel seat over the adapter, the reel seat having an outer face, the outer face of the reel seat having reel fasteners for removably securing the reel thereto over the cavity, ~~the engageable member including a stud extending inwardly into the cavity of the reel seat and the engaging locking means of said adapter including a groove shaped to receive said stud~~ the reel seat being releasably secured to the adapter by inducing less than a 360 rotation of the reel seat relatively to the adapter, said groove being L shape and having a longitudinal portion followed by a transversal portion, so that when sliding said reel seat over said sleeve-like adapter said stud advances through said longitudinal portion until reaching said transversal

~~portion when said reel seat is rotated to cause said stud to engage said transversal portion thereby locking said reel seat to said adapter, securing the reel seat in a single predetermined position on the rod shaft.~~

26. (New) A fly fishing rod with a detachable reel seat, the fly fishing rod comprising :

a fishing rod shaft having a tip end and a proximal end;

a handgrip mounted to the fishing rod shaft, near to the proximal end of the fishing rod shaft, the handgrip having a length l1 adapted for receiving a fisherman's hand thereon, the handgrip having an external diameter along at least a portion of the length l1 thereof which is greater than an external diameter of the fishing rod shaft, the fishing rod shaft having a rear portion between the proximal end and the handgrip;

a sleeve secured to the rear portion, the sleeve having a generally cylindrical outer surface;

a removable reel seat member for releasably mounting a reel to the fishing rod, the reel seat member defining a cylindrical cavity adapted to slide onto the outer surface of the sleeve into a mounted position, the reel seat member having reel fasteners for securing a reel onto the cavity; and

a locking member associated with the reel seat member and the sleeve for releasably locking the reel seat member to the sleeve by inducing less than a 360° rotation of the reel seat relatively to the sleeve;

whereby the reel and reel seat member can be easily released and removed from the fishing rod during the sport of fly fishing once the length of fishing line required has been determined.

